### Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

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<th>Land type</th>
<th>1978</th>
<th>1974</th>
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<tr>
<td>All forms</td>
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<td>2574</td>
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<tr>
<td>Irrigated land</td>
<td>12.2</td>
<td>10.2</td>
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<td>Average per farm</td>
<td>50.67</td>
<td>42.23</td>
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<td>Irrigated land by acres</td>
<td>168</td>
<td>174</td>
<td>152</td>
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### Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

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<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>All farms</th>
<th>Irrigated land</th>
<th>Nonirrigated farms</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of farms</td>
<td>2476</td>
<td>3026</td>
<td>1750</td>
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<tr>
<td>Value of land and buildings</td>
<td>278.9</td>
<td>317.7</td>
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<td>Average per farm</td>
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<td>Irrigated land</td>
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<td>Land in crops</td>
<td>2530</td>
<td>2290</td>
<td>2273</td>
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<tr>
<td>Harvested cropland</td>
<td>3817</td>
<td>3759</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inventory of livestock</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cattle and calves</td>
<td>2051</td>
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<td>1345</td>
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<tr>
<td>Milk cows</td>
<td>290</td>
<td>223</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hogs and pigs</td>
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<td>Sheep and lambs</td>
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<td>Value of machinery and equipment</td>
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<td>Market value of agricultural products sold</td>
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<td>Selected farm production expenses</td>
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1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.